

Amendments To the Abstract:

In the PCT application, amend the abstract on page 17 lines 1-7 as follows:
Methods and apparatuses consistent with the present invention facilitate the transition from a legacy network ~~{32(1)}~~ to an upgraded network ~~{32(2)}~~ by providing a converter ~~{16}~~ that communicates between the legacy network and the upgraded network. The converter ~~{16}~~ is provisioned such that legacy devices, such as Optical Network Units (ONUs) ~~{26}~~, appear as upgraded devices to the upgraded network ~~{32(2)}~~, while the upgraded network ~~{32(2)}~~ looks like a legacy network to the legacy devices.